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**AMENDMENTS**

- 2006—Pub. L. 109-177, title VI, § 605(b), Mar. 9, 2006, 120 Stat. 255, added item 3056A.  
 Pub. L. 109-162, title XI, § 1172(a), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 3123, added item 3051.  
 2005—Pub. L. 109-59, title IV, § 4143(c)(2), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1748, added item 3064.  
 1996—Pub. L. 104-294, title VI, § 605(n), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3510, added item 3059B.  
 1994—Pub. L. 103-322, title XXXIII, § 330010(18), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2144, inserted a period at end of item 3059A.  
 1990—Pub. L. 101-647, title XXXV, § 3570, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4928, struck out item 3054 "Officer's powers involving animals and birds".  
 Pub. L. 101-647, title XXV, § 2587(b), Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4905, as amended, effective as of date section 2587(b) of Pub. L. 101-647 took effect, by Pub. L. 103-322, title XXXIII, § 330011(a), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2144, added item 3059A.  
 1988—Pub. L. 100-690, title VI, § 6251(b), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4362, substituted "Investigative powers of Postal Service personnel" for "Powers of postal personnel" in item 3061.  
 Pub. L. 100-582, § 4(b), Nov. 1, 1988, 102 Stat. 2959, added item 3063.  
 1984—Pub. L. 98-587, § 1(b), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3111, substituted "Powers, authorities, and duties of United States Secret Service" for "Secret Service powers" in item 3056.  
 Pub. L. 98-473, title II, § 204(e), Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 1986, substituted "Repealed" for "Security of the peace and good behavior" in item 3043 and added item 3062.  
 1970—Pub. L. 91-375, § 6(j)(38)(B), Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 782, substituted "postal personnel" for "postal inspectors" in item 3061.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Does not conform to section catchline.<sup>2</sup> So in original. Probably should be followed by a period.<sup>3</sup> Section repealed by Pub. L. 107-273 without corresponding amendment of chapter analysis.

1968—Pub. L. 90-578, title III, § 303(b), Oct. 17, 1968, 82 Stat. 1118, struck out reference to "Rule" in item 3060.  
 Pub. L. 90-560, § 5(b), Oct. 12, 1968, 82 Stat. 998, added item 3061.

1951—Act Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 655, § 56(f), 65 Stat. 729, struck out item 3051 "Extradition agent's powers".

**§ 3041. Power of courts and magistrates**

For any offense against the United States, the offender may, by any justice or judge of the United States, or by any United States magistrate judge, or by any chancellor, judge of a supreme or superior court, chief or first judge of the common pleas, mayor of a city, justice of the peace, or other magistrate, of any state where the offender may be found, and at the expense of the United States, be arrested and imprisoned or released as provided in chapter 207 of this title, as the case may be, for trial before such court of the United States as by law has cognizance of the offense. Copies of the process shall be returned as speedily as may be into the office of the clerk of such court, together with the recognizances of the witnesses for their appearances to testify in the case.

A United States judge or magistrate judge shall proceed under this section according to rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of the United States. Any state judge or magistrate acting hereunder may proceed according to the usual mode of procedure of his state but his acts and orders shall have no effect beyond determining, pursuant to the provisions of section 3142 of this title, whether to detain or conditionally release the prisoner prior to trial or to discharge him from arrest.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 815; Pub. L. 89-465, § 5(a), June 22, 1966, 80 Stat. 217; Pub. L. 90-578, title III, § 301(a)(1), (3), Oct. 17, 1968, 82 Stat. 1115; Pub. L. 98-473, title II, § 204(a), Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 1985; Pub. L. 101-650, title III, § 321, Dec. 1, 1990, 104 Stat. 5117.)

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., § 591 (R.S. § 1014; May 28, 1896, ch. 252, § 19, 29 Stat. 184; Mar. 2, 1901, ch. 814, 31 Stat. 956).

This section was completely rewritten to omit all provisions superseded by Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, rules 3, 4, 5, 40 and 54(a) which prescribed the procedure for preliminary proceedings and examinations before United States judges and commissioners and for removal proceedings but not for preliminary examinations before State magistrates.

**AMENDMENTS**

1984—Pub. L. 98-473 substituted "determining, pursuant to the provisions of section 3142 of this title, whether to detain or conditionally release the prisoner prior to trial" for "determining to hold the prisoner for trial".

1968—Pub. L. 90-578 substituted "United States magistrate" and "magistrate" for "United States commissioner" and "commissioner", respectively.

1966—Pub. L. 89-465 substituted "or released as provided in chapter 207 of this title" for "or bailed".

**CHANGE OF NAME**

"United States magistrate judge" substituted for "United States magistrate" in text pursuant to section 321 of Pub. L. 101-650, set out as a note under section 631 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1968 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-578 effective Oct. 17, 1968, except when a later effective date is applicable, which